



Title: Derogation 11: Extension to the Pilot of the Revised Objection Process

MSC program document(s) and clause reference(s):

This derogation replaces the requirements set out in:

- Disputes Process v1.1
- Fisheries Certification Process v2.3, v3.0 and v3.1.

Effective date: 28 February 2026

Expiration date: The pilot will be monitored and remain in place until there is sufficient data to confirm the revised objection process more efficient or that it needs to be reconsidered.

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1. Objective of the derogation

- This derogation extends the pilot of the revised MSC Objections process.
- The extended pilot will allow modification and further testing of the revised process before a review and consideration for implementation.

2. Justification

The pilot was launched in February 2025 to last one year. 2025 saw less objections than average and only one objection was submitted which is insufficient to assess the effectiveness of Objections v2.0. Following the initial pilot period and one objection to test the new process, there are some changes to be made to the Objection Process. Further piloting and additional objections to be undertaken before the process can be finalised.

3. Impacted Documents and Clauses

The Disputes Process is reference in all effective versions of the Fisheries Certification Process (FCP)

FCP v2.3/v3.0/v3.1 - 7.22.4.1, 7.23, 7.24.1 - 7.24.3, 7.31.8

For the duration of the Derogation 11, the Objection Process replaces the Disputes Process.

MSC Disputes Process v1.1 is not to be applied for the length of this pilot.